


BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-0184-C - ORDER NO. 2000-612

JULY 27, 2000

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| IN RE: Application of Arbros Communications |) ORDER GRANTING |  |
| Licensing Company, S.E., LLC for a |) CERTIFICATE TO | |
| Certificate of Public Convenience and |) PROVIDE LOCAL | |
| Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities- |) EXCHANGE AND | |
| Based Local Exchange and Interexchange |) INTEREXCHANGE | |
| Telecommunications Services within the |) TELECOMMUNICATIONS | |
| State of South Carolina. |) SERVICES | |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of the Application of Arbros Communications Licensing Company, S.E., LLC ("Arbros" or the "Company") for authority to provide facilities-based resold voice and data local exchange telecommunications services, intrastate interexchange telecommunications services and exchange access telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina. The application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-9-280 and 58-9-520 (Supp. 1999), and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

By letter, the Commission's Executive Director instructed Arbros to publish, one time, a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the Application. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceedings. Arbros complied with this instruction and provided the Commission

with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. A Petition to Intervene was received June 6, 2000, from the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC").

On June 22, 2000, counsel for the SCTC filed with the Commission a Stipulation in which Arbros stipulated that it would seek authority in non-rural local exchange ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina and that it would not provide any local service to any customer located in a rural incumbent's service area, unless and until Arbros provided written notice of its intent prior to the date of the intended service. Arbros also stipulated that it was not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas. Arbros agreed to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate to the extent that it may be required to do so by the Commission in support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates. The SCTC withdrew its opposition to the granting of a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Arbros provided the conditions contained in the Stipulation are met. The Stipulation is approved and attached as Order Exhibit 1.

A hearing was commenced on July 6, 2000, at 2:30 p.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room. The Honorable William Saunders, Chairman, presided. Arbros was represented by Faye A. Flowers, Esquire. Adelaide D. Kline, Staff Counsel, represented the Commission Staff.

Robert F. X. Condon, Director of Regulatory Affairs and Assistant Secretary to the Board of Arbros, appeared and testified in support of the application. Mr. Condon's role in the Company involves responsibility for the day to day perspective on all regulatory matters including CLEC licensing, entity creation, tariffing, interconnection,

rights of way, compliance with applicable rules and regulations in all operating jurisdictions, regulatory impact and assessment, and regulatory strategy and planning.

According to Mr. Condon, Arbros is a Delaware corporation that has received authorization to transact business within the State of South Carolina from the Secretary of State for South Carolina. Arbros' principal office is located in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Arbros Communications Licensing Company, S.E., LLC, the Applicant in this proceeding, is a licensed holding company, a start-up company, under the corporate umbrella of Arbros Communications, Inc. Linsang Partners, LLC is the sole equity owner of Arbros Communications, Inc. Arbros seeks authority to provide all forms of telecommunications services to business and residential customers throughout South Carolina, including resold and facilities-based local exchange, exchange access and interexchange services. Arbros initially plans to offer high-speed data transmission services. Eventually Arbros intends to offer a full range of resold telecommunications services and will offer facilities-based local exchange services, exchange access services and interexchange services. Such services will include: local calling, extended local service, local toll calling, centrex, private branch exchange, individual business lines, individual residential lines, foreign exchange service, dual party relay and other special needs services, ISDN and frame relay service, Internet and special access services, private line service, pay telephone access lines, direct inward/outward dialing options, custom calling features, and 911 emergency service. The company is building a network that consists of class 4/5 central office switches and associated transmission facilities interconnected to the public switched network. Ultimately, Arbros will offer services that

allow its customers to originate and terminate local calls to other customers served by Arbros as well as customers served by all other authorized local exchange carriers.

Arbros will also provide switched access services to interexchange carriers which will allow Arbros' customers to originate and terminate intrastate and interstate calls to and from customers of interexchange carriers. Local exchange services will include, but will not be limited to: (1) basic dial tone lines, (2) basic private branch exchange ("PBX") trunks and direct inward dial ("DID") trunks, (3) digital PBX and DID trunks, and (4) centrex-type system lines. Each of these services will provide dial tone access to the public switched telecommunications network and may be equipped with various features and functions. Exchange usage and operator services will include (1) direct dial calling, (2) operator assisted calling (including busy line verification and busy line interrupt), (3) directory assistance service, (4) access to Telecommunications Relay Service, and (5) emergency 911 service at no charge to the caller.

Arbros also plans to provide exchange access services to other common carriers, including terminating access to enable other common carriers to terminate traffic via end user access services provided by Arbros and originating access to enable customers of Arbros' local exchange access services to employ those services to access the intrastate, interstate, and international calling services of other interexchange carriers on an Equal Access ("1+" or "10-1X-XXX") basis.

Mr. Condon testified that one of Arbros' sister organizations, designated as the N.E. (northeast region) company, is currently offering services in the District of Columbia and the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area, as well as ten other states, with

applications pending in the states of Connecticut and Maine. Mr. Condon testified another sister corporation has received authorization to provide local exchange service in Virginia. The Company recently received certification in the states of Florida, North Carolina, and Maryland; Arbros has applications pending in the remaining states of the BellSouth region. Arbros expects to begin offering services in South Carolina during the fourth quarter of 2000 to the second quarter of 2001.

Mr. Condon stated the Company's strategic planning department is still determining specific marketing plans but intends to use direct marketing and sales. He said the Company is familiar with the Commission's marketing guidelines. Mr. Condon testified the specifics will be dictated by the type of customer that the switching platform and network availability will allow. Mr. Condon offered that Arbros will likely go into the larger urban areas at first then eventually into all of South Carolina, serving residential and business customers.

The record reveals Arbros intends to provide a toll-free number for its Customer Service Department at (888) 4ARBROS. Customer service representatives will be available to provide customer support during regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Eastern Standard time. At night and on weekends, a voice response unit with a menu of options will handle customer service, service outages, or repair problems. All repair problems should be reported to the Company's toll-free number. Mr. Condon stated that Arbros' management is contemplating changing the customer service toll-free number availability to provide twenty-four hour a day, seven day a week response. He further stated the Chief Executive Officer of Arbros has told the

management team that all management personnel will be taking a turn on the customer service desk. Arbros is developing systems to track customer complaints and to process them in a timely manner. He stated network based problems will be handled by a different escalation procedure. Evelyn Richardson is the Company's Director of Customer Service.

Mr. Condon testified as to Arbros' technical abilities to provide the services proposed in South Carolina. He said a sister organization under the Linsang Partners, LLC corporate umbrella is providing technical expertise from an equipment perspective as well as from a rollout perspective. He further stated the organization has a growing operations, engineering and network department that is planning, designing, and deploying a facilities-based network throughout the region. Mr. Condon said the Company is currently building a data center near its Silver Spring, Maryland, headquarters that will support its high-speed data needs and that another Linsang Partners venture is building a switching platform that Arbros will use. Mr. Condon testified the Company will initially do its billing in-house; the Company's toll-free number and the Company name will be printed on the customers' monthly billing statements. He said Arbros eventually plans to have the capacity for electronic interface with customers through the Internet. Mr. Condon testified that Arbros is currently in negotiations with and will obtain service from certified carriers such as BellSouth and GTE for local services. He also stated the Company is in negotiations with MCI as its underlying (interexchange) carrier. As to authorization from a customer who wishes to switch to Arbros' services, Mr. Condon testified that the Company will require written

authorization in the form of a Letter of Agency. A Letter of Agency signed by the appropriate authorized person will also be required for business customers.

Mr. Condon described Arbros' management team as having extensive experience in the telecommunications industry. He stated the team collectively has a hundred and seventy-five plus years combined senior management experience. As Director of Regulatory Affairs and Assistant Secretary to the Board of Arbros, Mr. Condon started his career in the telecommunications area as a legal assistant handling energy and telecommunications clients at a Washington, D.C. law firm in 1989. He then spent three years as a senior legal assistant at another D.C. law firm that handled telecommunications clients. Prior to joining Arbros, he was Manager of Regulatory Affairs at WinStar Communications, Inc. located in Tysons Corner, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. for three years. Mr. Condon testified that Mr. Samuel Vogel is Senior Vice President-Network Planning; Russell B. Stevenson, Jr. is Executive Vice President and General Counsel; and Don Helms is Senior Vice President-Operations. Mr. Condon offered that Jeff Hamet is Vice President and Corporate Controller and the financial contact person for Arbros.

With regard to Arbros' financial resources, Mr. Condon acknowledged that Arbros has access to the financing and capital necessary to conduct the telecommunications operations it proposes to offer in South Carolina. He said Arbros is a privately held start-up company that will rely on the substantial financial resources of its parent, Arbros Communications, Inc., which has guaranteed all resources necessary from a management, technical and financial perspective to operate in South Carolina. A

review of the financial information filed with the application indicates a financially stable company as of December 31, 1999.

Arbros requested waivers from certain Commission regulations and requirements. Specifically, Arbros requested waivers from (1) any requirement found in Rule 103-610 that all records be kept within the State of South Carolina and (2) the requirement found in Rule 103-631 to publish and distribute local exchange directories.

Upon certification from this Commission, Mr. Condon warranted that Arbros will abide by all the Rules and Regulations of the South Carolina Public Service Commission. Mr. Condon affirmed that Arbros would participate in support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates and that Arbros would provide services which meet the applicable service standards of the Commission. Further, Mr. Condon testified that the provision of local service by Arbros would neither adversely impact the public interest nor would Arbros' service adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service. Mr. Condon offered that approval of Arbros' application is in the public interest because residential and business consumers will receive increased choice, improved quality of service, and heightened opportunities to obtain improved technology in their homes and businesses. Further, market incentives for new and old telecommunications providers will be improved through an increase in diversity of suppliers and competition. Further, the granting of authority will offer increased efficiency of the state's telecommunications infrastructure.

After full consideration of the applicable law, the Company's Application, and the evidence presented at the hearing, the Commission hereby issues its findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Arbros is organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware and is authorized to do business as a foreign corporation in the State of South Carolina by the Secretary of State.
2. Arbros is a provider of local exchange telecommunications services and interexchange telecommunications services, and Arbros wishes to provide its services in South Carolina.
3. The Commission finds, based upon the evidence presented at the hearing, that Arbros has the managerial, technical, and financial resources to provide the services as described in its Application. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280 (B)(1) (Supp. 1999).
4. The Commission finds that Arbros' "provision of service will not adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service." S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280 (B)(3) (Supp. 1999).
5. The Commission finds that Arbros will support universally available telephone service at affordable rates. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280 (B)(4) (Supp. 1999).
6. The Commission finds that Arbros will provide services which will meet the service standards of the Commission. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280 (B)(2) (Supp. 1999).

7. The Commission finds that the provision of local exchange service by Arbros “does not otherwise adversely impact the public interest.” S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280 (B)(5) (Supp. 1999).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Based on the above findings of fact, the Commission determines that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should be granted to Arbros to provide competitive resold and facilities-based intrastate local exchange service in South Carolina. The terms of the Stipulation between Arbros and SCTC are approved and adopted as a part of this Order, Exhibit 1. Any proposal to provide service to rural service areas is subject to the terms of the Stipulation. In addition, Arbros is granted authority to provide intrastate interLATA interexchange service and to originate and terminate toll traffic within the same LATA, as set forth herein, through the resale of intrastate Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS), Message Telecommunications Service (MTS), directory assistance, travel card service or any other services authorized for resale by tariffs of carriers approved by the Commission.

2. Arbros shall only charge those rates and charges approved in its tariffs on file with the Commission, as provided in S.C. Code Ann Section 58-9-230 (Supp. 1999).

3. Arbros shall file, prior to offering local exchange telecommunications services in South Carolina, its final tariff of its local service offerings conforming to all matters discussed with Staff and comporting with South Carolina law in all matters.

4. Any proposed change in rates for local telecommunications services must be made in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-520 (Supp. 1999) and 58-9-540 (Supp. 1999).

5. With regard to the long distance service offerings of Arbros, the Commission adopts a rate design which includes only maximum rate levels for each tariff charge. A rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels has been previously adopted by the Commission. In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications Corporation, etc., Order No. 84-622, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (August 2, 1984).

Arbros shall not adjust its long distance rates below the approved maximum level without notice to the Commission and to the public. Arbros shall file its proposed rate changes, publish its notice of such changes, and file affidavits of publication with the Commission two weeks prior to the effective date of the changes. However, the public notice requirement is waived, and therefore not required, for reductions below the maximum cap in instances which do not affect the general body of subscribers or do not constitute a general rate reduction. In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications, etc., Order No. 93-638, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (July 16, 1993). Any proposed increase in the maximum rate level for long distance services reflected in the tariff which would be applicable to the general body of the Company's subscribers shall constitute a general ratemaking proceeding and will be treated in accordance with the notice and hearing provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-540 (Supp. 1999).

6. If it has not already done so by the date of issuance of this Order, Arbros shall file its revised maximum long distance tariff and an accompanying price list within

thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. The revised tariff shall be consistent with the findings of this Order and shall be consistent with the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

7. Arbros is subject to access charges pursuant to Commission Order No. 86-584 in which the Commission determined that for access purposes resellers should be treated similarly to facilities-based interexchange carriers.

8. With regard to the Company's resale of interexchange service, an end-user should be able to access another interexchange carrier or operator service provider if the end-user so desires.

9. Arbros shall resell the services of only those interexchange carriers or LECs authorized to do business in South Carolina by this Commission. If Arbros changes underlying carriers, it shall notify the Commission in writing.

10. With regard to the origination and termination of toll calls within the same LATA, Arbros shall comply with the terms of Order No. 93-462, Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement, in Docket Nos. 92-182-C, 92-183-C, and 92-200-C (June 3, 1993), with the exception of the 10-XXX intraLATA dialing requirement, which has been rendered obsolete by the toll dial parity rules established by the Federal Communications Commission, pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (See, 47 CFR 51.209).

11. Arbros shall file surveillance reports on a calendar or fiscal year basis with the Commission as required by Order No. 88-178 in Docket No. 87-483-C. The proper form for these reports is indicated on Attachments. Attachment A consists of two pages

for annual information on South Carolina operations for interexchange companies and AOS'.

12. Further, Arbros shall file such other annual financial information as the Commission requires of competitive local exchange companies. This information includes annual reports and gross receipts reports. As the surveillance report, the annual report and the gross receipt report necessitate the filing of intrastate information, Arbros shall keep such financial records on an intrastate basis as needed to comply with these reporting requirements. Attachment B shall be utilized by the Company to provide the Commission with annual financial information on the Company's intrastate local operations. Attachment B consists of four pages and it entitled "Annual Report for Competitive Local Exchange Carriers."

13. The Company shall, in compliance with Commission regulations, designate and maintain an authorized utility representative who is prepared to discuss, on a regulatory level, customer relations (complaint) matters, engineering operations, tests and repairs. In addition, the Company shall provide to the Commission in writing the name of the authorized representative to be contacted in connection with general management duties as well as emergencies which occur during non-office hours.

Arbros shall file the names, addresses and telephone numbers of these representatives with the Commission within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. Attachment C shall be utilized for the provision of this information to the Commission. Further, the Company shall promptly notify the Commission in writing if the

representatives are replaced, and the Company is directed to comply with the Commission regulations unless waived by the Commission.

14. Arbros shall conduct its business in compliance with Commission decisions and Orders, both past and future, including but not limited to, any and all Commission decisions which may be rendered in Docket No. 96-018-C regarding local competition.

15. The Commission finds the reasoning behind Arbros' requests for waivers of (1) Reg. 103-610 - maintaining books and records within the state, and (2) Reg. 103-631 - publishing its own directory as reasonable and hereby grants the waivers of those specific regulations. Arbros has indicated that its principal place of business is located in Silver Spring, Maryland. The Company has indicated that it will make its records available for inspection upon request by the Commission. Arbros intends to enter into an agreement with the directory publisher of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), or other applicable ILECs, to include the names of its customers in BellSouth's directories. According to these arrangements, the customers of both Arbros and BellSouth will receive their directories through BellSouth's existing distribution network. Arbros is directed to comply with all Commission regulations, unless a regulation is specifically waived by the Commission.

16. Title 23, Chapter 47, South Carolina Code of Laws Ann., governs the establishment and implementation of a "Public Safety Communications Center," which is more commonly known as a "911 system" or "911 service." Services available through a 911 system include law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services. In

recognition of the necessity of quality 911 services being provided to the citizens of South Carolina, the Commission hereby instructs Arbros to contact the appropriate authorities regarding 911 service in the counties and cities where the Company will be operating. Contact with the appropriate authorities is to be made before beginning telephone service in South Carolina. Accompanying this Order is an information packet from the South Carolina Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association ("SC NENA") with contact information and sample forms. The Company may also obtain information by contacting the E911 Coordinator at the Office of Information Resources of the South Carolina Budget and Control Board. By this Order and prior to providing services within South Carolina, Arbros shall contact the 911 Coordinator in each county, as well as the 911 Coordinator in each city where the city has its own 911 system, and shall provide information regarding the Company's operations as required by the 911 system.

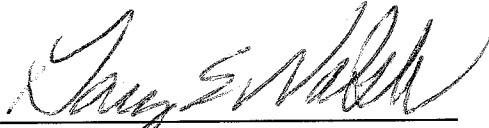
17. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

(SEAL)

BEFORE
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OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

Filed 6/22/00
Accepted 6/23/00

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based and Resold Local Exchange and Long)
Distance Telecommunications Services in the)
State of South Carolina)
_____)

STIPULATION

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") (see attachment "A" for list of companies) and Arbros Communications Licensing Company S.E., LLC ("Arbros") hereby enter into the following stipulations. As a consequence of these stipulations and conditions, SCTC does not oppose Arbros' Application. SCTC and Arbros stipulate and agree as follows:

1. SCTC does not oppose the granting of a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Arbros, provided the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") makes the necessary findings to justify granting of such a certificate, and provided the conditions contained within this stipulation are met.

2. Arbros stipulates and agrees that any Certificate which may be granted will authorize Arbros to provide service only to customers located in non-rural local exchange company ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina, except as provided herein.

3. Arbros stipulates that it is not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas.

4. Arbros stipulates and agrees that it will not provide any local service, by its own facilities or otherwise, to any customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, unless and

until Arbros provides such rural incumbent LEC and the Commission with written notice of its intent to do so at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the intended service. During such notice period, the rural incumbent LEC will have the opportunity to petition the Commission to exercise all rights afforded it under Federal and State law. Also, Arbros acknowledges that the Commission may suspend the intended date for service in rural LEC territory for ninety (90) days while the Commission conducts any proceeding incident to the Petition or upon the Commission's own Motion, provided that the Commission can further suspend the implementation date upon showing of good cause.

5. Arbros stipulates and agrees that, if Arbros gives notice that it intends to serve a customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, and either (a) the Commission receives a Petition from the rural incumbent LEC to exercise its rights under Federal or State law within such 30-day period, or (b) the Commission institutes a proceeding of its own, then Arbros will not provide service to any customer located within the service area in question without prior and further Commission approval.

6. Arbros acknowledges that any right which it may have or acquire to serve a rural telephone company service area in South Carolina is subject to the conditions contained herein, and to any future policies, procedures, and guidelines relevant to such proposed service which the Commission may implement, so long as such policies, procedures, and guidelines do not conflict with Federal or State law.

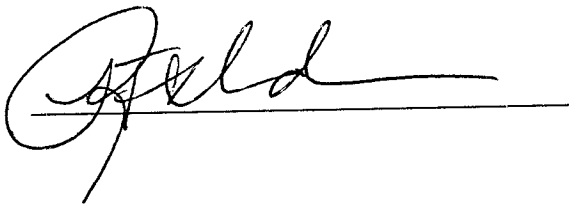
7. The parties stipulate and agree that all rights under Federal and State law are reserved to the rural incumbent LECs and Arbros, and this Stipulation in no way suspends or adversely affects such rights, including any exemptions, suspensions, or modifications to which they may be entitled.

8. Arbros agrees to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate, to the extent it may be required to do so by the Commission, in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

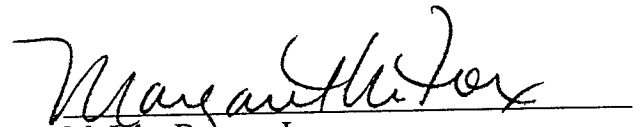
9. Arbros hereby amends its application and its prefiled testimony in this docket to the extent necessary to conform with this Stipulation.

AGREED AND STIPULATED to this 19 day of June, 2000.

Arbros Communications Licensing
Company S.E., LLC:

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South Carolina Telephone Coalition:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Margaret M. Fox", written over a horizontal line.

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ATTACHMENT A

South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies for Purposes of Local Service Stipulation

ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc.
Chesnee Telephone Company
Chester Telephone Company
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Ft. Mill Telephone Company
Heath Springs Telephone Company Inc.
Home Telephone Company, Inc.
Lancaster Telephone Company
Lockhart Telephone Company
McClellanville Telephone Company
Norway Telephone Company
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Pond Branch Telephone Company
Ridgeway Telephone Company
Rock Hill Telephone Company
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
St. Stephen Telephone Company
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Williston Telephone Company

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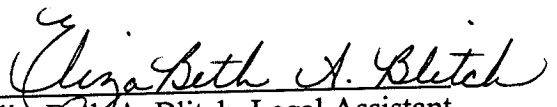
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_____)

**CERTIFICATE OF
SERVICE**

I, ElizaBeth A. Blitch, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing Stipulation upon the following party of record by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid to:

Mr. Robert F. X. Condon
Director of Regulatory Affairs and Assistant Secretary
Arbros Communications Licensing Company, S.E., LLC
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June 22, 2000

Columbia, South Carolina

**ANNUAL INFORMATION ON SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS
FOR INTEREXCHANGE COMPANIES AND AOS'**

COMPANY NAME

FEIN

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

FAX NUMBER

1. **SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATING REVENUES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2000 OR FISCAL YEAR. \$** _____
2. **SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2000 OR FISCAL YEAR. \$** _____
3. **RATE BASE INVESTMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS FOR THE 12 MONTHS
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000 OR FISCAL YEAR:**

Gross Plant in located or allocated to South Carolina operations \$ _____

CWIP located in or allocated to South Carolina operations \$ _____

Land located in or allocated to South Carolina operations \$ _____

Accumulated Depreciation of South Carolina Plant (\$ _____ **)**

Net Rate Base located in or allocated to South Carolina operations \$ _____

4. **PARENT'S CAPITAL STRUCTURE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2000 OR FISCAL YEAR:**

LONG TERM DEBT \$ _____

EQUITY \$ _____

5. **PARENT'S AVERAGE RATE OF INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT** _____ **%.**

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6. CONTACT PERSON FOR ALL FINANCIAL INQUIRES AND REPORTING:

NAME _____

ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM COMPANY _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

ANNUAL INFORMATION ON SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS

FOR INTEREXCHANGE COMPANIES AND AOS'

- 7. ALL DETAILS ON THE ALLOCATION METHOD USED TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF EXPENSES ALLOCATED TO SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS AS WELL AS METHOD OF ALLOCATION OF COMPANY'S RATE BASE INVESTMENT (SEE #3 ABOVE)(USE BACK IF NEEDED).**

NAME OF OFFICER SIGNING FORM (PRINT OR TYPE) _____

SIGNATURE _____

TITLE _____

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ATTACHMENT B

ANNUAL REPORT FOR COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **FAX NUMBER:** _____

****If any of this information changes, the Commission is to be notified at once****

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT: _____

VICE PRESIDENT: _____

TREASURER: _____

CONTACT PERSON FOR FINANCIAL AND REGULATORY INFORMATION:

NAME: _____
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

CONTACT'S PHONE: _____

****If this person changes, you must notify the Commission immediately****

COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS

Company Name: _____

**Income Statement
12/31/2000/or Fiscal Year**

| Particulars | Current Year-Total Company | Last Year-Total Company | SC Intrastate-Current Year |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Revenues | | | |
| Operating Revenues | | | |
| Operating Expenses | | | |
| Access and Billing Expenses and Expenses Related to Resale | | | |
| Other Local Interconnection Expenses | | | |
| Leases Facilities from Other Carriers | | | |
| Communications System Operations | | | |
| Sales and Marketing | | | |
| Administration and General | | | |
| Depreciation and Amortization | | | |
| Other | | | |
| Total Operating Expenses | | | |
| Net Operating Income | | | |
| Other Income and Expenses | | | |
| Nonoperating Income and Expenses (Net) | | | |
| Nonoperating Taxes | | | |
| Interest | | | |
| Extraordinary Items | | | |
| Total Other Income and Expenses (Net) | | | |
| Net Income | | | |

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| Number of South Carolina Access Lines | |
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COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS

Company Name: _____

**Balance Sheet-Total Company
December 31, 2000/or Fiscal Year Ending**

| Particulars | Balance at Beginning of Year | Balance at Ending of Year |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Current Assets</u> | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | | |
| Accounts Receivable-Telecommunications | | |
| Accounts Receivable-Other | | |
| Notes Receivable | | |
| Other Receivables | | |
| Materials and Supplies | | |
| Prepays | | |
| Other Current Assets | | |
| Total Current Assets | | |
| <u>Noncurrent Assets</u> | | |
| Investments | | |
| Other Noncurrent | | |
| Deferred Charges | | |
| Total Noncurrent Assets | | |
| <u>Plant Assets</u> | | |
| Telecommunications Plant in Service | | |
| Accumulated Depreciation | | |
| Net Telecommunications Plant in Service | | |
| Other Plant Assets (Net of Depreciation) | | |
| Construction Work in Progress | | |
| Total Plant | | |
| Total Assets | | |

COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE ANNUAL REPORT

Company Name: _____

Balance Sheet-Total Company
December 31, 2000/or Fiscal Year Ending

| Particulars | Balance at Beginning of Year | Balance at Ending of Year |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable | | |
| Advanced Billings and Payments | | |
| Customer Deposits | | |
| Long Term Debt-Current Maturities | | |
| Accrued Liabilities | | |
| Other Current Liabilities | | |
| Total Current Liabilities | | |
| LongTerm Debt | | |
| Long Term Debt | | |
| Obligations Under Capital Leases | | |
| Advances From Affiliated Companies | | |
| Other Long Term Debt | | |
| Total Long Term Debt | | |
| Stockholders Equity | | |
| Capital Stock | | |
| Additional Paid in Capital | | |
| Retained Earnings | | |
| Total Stockholders Equity | | |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity | | |

AUTHORIZED UTILITY REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGULATION

103-612.2.4(b) - Each utility shall file and maintain with the Commission the name, title, address, and telephone number of the persons who should be contacted in connection with General Management Duties, Customer Relations (Complaints), Engineering Operations, Test and Repairs, and Emergencies during non-office hours.

Company Name (Including dba Name(s) or Acronyms used or to be used in South Carolina)

Business Address

City, State, Zip Code

A.

General Manager Representative (Please Print or Type)

Telephone Number / Facsimile Number / E-mail Address

B.

Customer Relations (Complaints) Representative (Please Print or Type)

Telephone Number / Facsimile Number / E-mail Address

C.

Engineering Operations Representative (Please Print or Type)

Telephone Number / Facsimile Number / E-mail Address

D.

Test and Repair Representative (Please Print or Type)

Telephone Number / Facsimile Number / E-mail Address

E.

Contact for Emergencies During Non-Office Hours (Please Print or Type)

Telephone Number / Facsimile Number / E-mail Address

F.

Financial Representative (Please Print or Type)

Telephone Number / Facsimile Number / E-mail Address

G.

Customer Contact Telephone Number for Company (Toll Free)

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Signature

**If you have any questions, contact the Consumer Services Department (803-896-5230)
or Utilities Department at (803-896-5105).**